Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, On July 6, 1881, the first Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul supply train arrived at what would become Aberdeen, Dakota Territory and later Aberdeen, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, On June 5, 1882, the first city election took place and on July 4th Aberdeen celebrated its first anniversary and Independence Day in grand style; and,

Whereas, The Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad became the fourth and final major rail line to build a depot in Aberdeen in 1907, joining the Milwaukee Road, Great Northern Railway and Chicago and Northwestern Railroad; and,

Whereas, In August, 1942, during World War II, Aberdeen's Red Cross/USO began serving pheasant sandwiches to service men and women passing through the Milwaukee Depot; and,

Whereas, The people of Aberdeen have demonstrated a strong community spirit in supporting local programs, sports and other school events and are proud of their parks and school system; the community responds well to the needs of others through their local organizations and churches, making it the right place to call home:

Whereas, Aberdeen will turn 125 in 2006 "Celebrating a Great Hometown", saluting the past, present and future all year with the Q Gala weekend, July 28-30, 2006 as the centerpiece. The celebration will end with the resealing of the time capsule December 29, 2006:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 28-30, 2006, as

ABERDEEN QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State